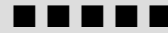




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Speaker Bios

Dr. Louis Tornatzky

Education

B.A., Psychology; Cum Laude, Ohio State University

Ph.D., Psychology; Stanford University

General Qualifications

Dr. Tornatzky has extensive experience in the research, evaluation, and benchmarking of public technology programs, especially in the area of university-industry technology transfer, and is nationally recognized for his work on the socio-economic aspects and impacts of innovation and technological change. Dr. Tornatzky has been an invited speaker at national conferences, is the co-author of numerous books, monographs, and articles in the field, and serves on several national advisory groups.

Relevant Experience

Senior Principal Associate, Battelle Memorial Institute. Dr. Tornatzky is a member of Battelle's Technology Partnership Practice (TPP), based in Cleveland, Ohio. In this capacity, he has been involved in several planning and evaluation studies of university technology transfer, state technology programs, and community research parks.

Director and Senior Fellow, Southern Technology Council (STC). Dr. Tornatzky was Director and is currently a Senior Fellow with the Southern Technology Council, a 15-state consortium. At STC he has conducted several "benchmarking" projects, in areas such as university-industry technology transfer, business incubation, and interstate migration of scientific personnel.

Director and Scientific Fellow, Industrial Technology Institute (ITI). Dr. Tornatzky was one of the founding Center Directors, and later a Scientific Fellow in the Office of the President. He led a 35-person research and consulting group, which worked with major manufacturing clients on issues of implementing factory automation and information systems, understanding the associated organization design and training needs, and social and economic impacts.

Section Head, Innovation Processes Research Group, National Science Foundation. Dr. Tornatzky led a 10-person group that supported extramural research and conducted intramural research on issues of technological innovation. The latter included outcome and process evaluations of several of the NSF industry-oriented programs, and a groundbreaking review of the research and practice literature on technological innovation.